

Largest Employers in Sawyer County

These employers provide roughly
3 in every 5 jobs in the county

Employer name	Product or Service
LCO Casino Lodge & Convention	Casinos, except casino hotels
Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal	Tribal governments
County of Sawyer	Executive & legislative offices, combined
Hayward Community School Dist.	Elementary & secondary schools
Wal-Mart Associates Inc	Discount department stores
Medical Services Inc	Gen. medical & surgical hospitals
Louisiana Pacific Corp	Reconstituted wood products
Northern Lakes Coop	Supermarkets & other grocery stores
LCO Community College	Junior colleges
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School	Elementary & secondary schools
Winter Public School	Elementary & secondary schools
Marketplace Foods Inc	Supermarkets & other grocery stores
Dynea Overlays Inc	Coated & laminated paper mfg.
Trussworks Inc	Truss mfg.
City of Hayward-Sawyer County	Executive & legislative offices, combined
Valley Health Care Center	Nursing care facilities
McDonalds Restaurants	Limited-service restaurants
Grand Pine's Resort	Full-service restaurants
Peoples Bank of Wisconsin	Commercial banking
Meat Palace Inc	Meat markets
The Duluth Clinic Ltd	Off. of physicians, except mental health
Northland Evergreens	All other misc. mfg.
Concor Tool & Machine Inc	Machine shops
LCO Housing Authority	Residential property managers
Department of Natural Resources	Admin. of conservation programs
Miller & Miller Properties Inc	Hotels & motels, except casino hotels
Hurricane Busing Inc	School & employee bus transportation
Power Engineers Inc	Engineering services
Bob Thompson & Sons, Inc	Highway, street, & bridge construction
Grandma's Place Day Care Center	Child day care services
Johnson Bank	Commercial banking
Beehive Botanicals Inc	Food, health, supplement stores
US Postal Service/Sawyer Rural	Postal service
Chippewa Valley Bank	Commercial banking
Pamida Inc	All other general merchandise stores

Source: WI DWD, Unemployment Compensation file, June 2004

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Job Centers in Northwest Wisconsin

WI Job Center-Ashland
411 Ellis Av
Ashland WI 54806
715-682-7220

Burnett Co Job Center
7410 Co. Rd. K #280
Siren WI 54872
715-349-2150

WI Job Center-Hayward
15618 Windrose Lane
Hayward WI 54843
715-634-7545

WI Job Center-Ladysmith
108 W Second St. N.
Ladysmith WI 54848
715-532-2700

WI Job Center-Medford
624 E College Av
Medford WI 54451
715-748-5621

WI Job Center-Phillips
1408 Pine Ridge Rd.
Phillips WI 54555
715-339-7255

Park Falls Partner Off.
400 S 4th Av
Park Falls WI 54552
715-762-2477

WI Job Center-Spooner
522 Service Rd Hwy 70 E
Spooner WI 54801
715-635-2175

WI Job Center-Superior
1805 North 14th St.
Superior WI 54880
715-392-7800

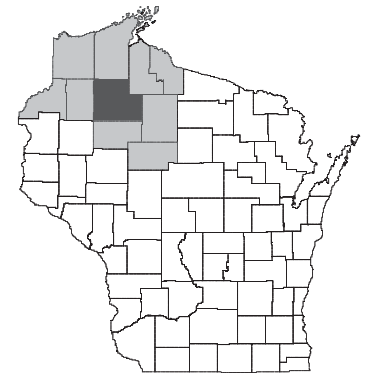
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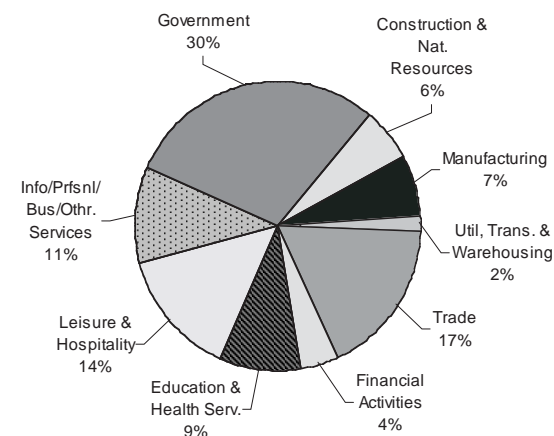


Sawyer County...

is one of ten counties in the Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Area. In 2004 the average annual unemployment rate was 5.6 percent, an improvement from 2003 and only slightly higher than the annual Wisconsin unemployment rate of 4.9 percent in 2004.

The area has a long association with logging and tourism and these characteristics are represented on the list of largest employers in Sawyer County (on back). Roughly 14 percent of the jobs in the county are related to tourism (leisure & hospitality) and many of the jobs in government are with tribal casino operations. Tourism thrives on the county's natural resources, as do the manufacturing jobs - primarily related to the

2004 Employment by Industry in Sawyer County



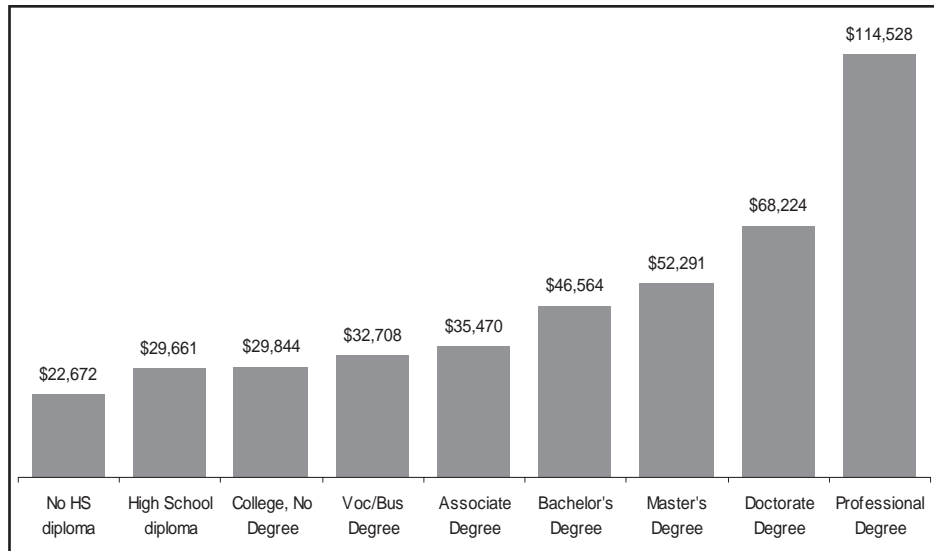
production of wood products. Since tourism employers are generally smaller they are not on the list of the largest in the county, although many occupations related to the industry are on the list of top occupations (inside page). The average weekly wage in 2004 from leisure & hospitality employers was \$284 and from manufacturing employers it was \$578. The average weekly wage from all employers was \$481, roughly 69 percent of the average weekly wage in the state of \$695.

	Top Ten Occupations	Typical Education or Training Path*	Average Wage**
Fastest Growth	Home Health Aides	1-month or less training	\$9.17
	Personal and Home Care Aides	1-month or less training	\$8.45
	Social/Human Service Assistants	1-12 mo. on-the-job training	\$13.06
	Registered Nurses	Bachelor's or Assoc. degree	\$21.38
	Preschool Teachers/Ex. Special Ed	Bachelor's degree	\$15.37
	Electricians	12 mo. or more on-the-job trng.	\$17.18
	Receptionists/Info Clerks	1-month or less training	\$9.81
	Bus Drivers/School	1-month or less training	\$11.15
	Child Care Workers	1-month or less training	\$8.96
	Counter and Rental Clerks	1-month or less training	\$8.81
Most Openings	Cashiers	1-month or less training	\$7.47
	Waiters/Waitresses	1-month or less training	\$7.34
	Retail Salespersons	1-month or less training	\$8.90
	Truck Drivers/Heavy/Tractor-Trailer	1-12 mo. on-the-job training	\$17.10
	Comb Food Prep/Serv Wrk/Incl Fast Fd	1-month or less training	\$6.60
	Nursing Aides/Orderlies/Attendants	1-month or less training	\$10.17
	Registered Nurses	Bachelor's or Assoc. degree	\$21.38
	Bartenders	1-month or less training	\$7.82
	Carpenters	12 mo. or more on-the-job trng.	\$16.53
	Office Clerks/General	1-month or less training	\$9.69

* The most common way to enter the occupation, not the only way

** Wages from Occupation Employment Statistics survey responses for region, 2002

2003 Wisconsin Average Annual Earnings by Degree for Population Aged 25 years and over



Source: 2003 PUMS from ACS, US Census Bureau

These 40 occupations provide over half the jobs to workers in an area that includes Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer, Vilas, and Washburn counties¹.

Hourly wages are from survey information gathered from local employers in 2004. The list includes many service occupations related to tourism and health care.

Occupation title	Lowest 10% wages*	Hourly average	Mid-range**
Cashiers	\$5.83	\$8.27	\$6.47 - \$9.26
Waiters & Waitresses	\$5.63	\$9.25	\$6.21 - \$12.53
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$10.99	\$16.75	\$13.03 - \$19.65
Retail Salespersons	\$6.58	\$10.26	\$7.52 - \$11.20
Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$6.45	\$9.91	\$7.68 - \$12.03
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, & Executive	\$7.41	\$10.42	\$8.11 - \$12.68
Bartenders	\$5.88	\$8.02	\$6.75 - \$8.53
Combined Food Prep. & Serving Wrkr, Inclg Fast Food	\$5.66	\$7.35	\$6.14 - \$8.32
Carpenters	\$11.70	\$17.96	\$14.33 - \$23.61
Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	\$7.78	\$11.94	\$9.41 - \$14.00
Office Clerks, General	\$6.97	\$10.02	\$8.22 - \$11.59
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Ed.	\$31,178	\$42,105	\$37,099 - 48,056 [#]
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants	\$8.52	\$10.53	\$9.23 - \$12.02
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$5.90	\$7.90	\$6.71 - \$8.90
Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand	\$6.69	\$11.23	\$8.18 - \$13.06
Sales Reps, Whsl. & Mfg, Except Tech & Scientific Products	\$11.63	\$17.34	\$12.62 - \$20.37
Cooks, Restaurant	\$7.94	\$10.92	\$9.02 - \$12.71
Teacher Assistants	\$14,513	\$19,701	\$15,991 - 23,392 [#]
Registered Nurses	\$18.06	\$23.82	\$20.05 - \$27.20
Dishwashers	\$5.57	\$6.93	\$6.01 - \$7.84
General & Operations Mngrs.	\$15.09	\$33.46	\$19.32 - \$43.19
1st-Line Sprvr/Mngrs. of Retail Sales Wrkr	\$8.58	\$16.11	\$10.69 - \$18.59
Maintenance & Repair Wrkr, General	\$8.75	\$13.40	\$10.26 - \$16.25
Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	\$6.49	\$11.95	\$8.14 - \$15.57
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Ed.	\$28,089	\$39,688	\$35,020 - 44,355 [#]
Cooks, Short Order	\$5.67	\$7.31	\$6.02 - \$7.70
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$9.83	\$15.59	\$11.84 - \$19.70
1st-Line Sprvr/Mngrs. of Food Prep. & Serving Wrkr	\$8.93	\$12.96	\$10.17 - \$15.67
Personal & Home Care Aides	\$7.34	\$9.27	\$8.70 - \$10.37
Executive Secretaries & Admin. Assistants	\$10.15	\$15.02	\$11.89 - \$16.80
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	\$6.12	\$9.42	\$7.33 - \$11.00
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	\$9.26	\$13.29	\$10.79 - \$15.70
Packers & Packagers, Hand	\$5.80	\$7.84	\$6.35 - \$9.04
Food Preparation Wrkr	\$6.01	\$8.47	\$6.95 - \$9.86
1st-Line Sprvr/Mngrs. of Office & Admin. Support Wrkr	\$10.96	\$18.41	\$13.22 - \$21.72
Cooks, Institution & Cafeteria	\$7.13	\$10.01	\$8.31 - \$11.63
Hotel, Motel, & Resort Desk Clerks	\$7.08	\$8.61	\$7.66 - \$9.67
Middle School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Ed.	\$26,468	\$39,740	\$32,275 - 47,254 [#]
Accountants & Auditors	\$9.84	\$21.63	\$13.62 - \$25.08
1st-Line Sprvr/Mngrs. of Production & Operating Wrkr	\$12.55	\$19.80	\$14.65 - \$23.92

* 10% of wages are lower

**Middle 50% of wages

only annual wages available

¹ A group of counties that shares similar employment and wages combined to meet a threshold to publish wage data.